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## Report card on syariah compliance level in March

**PUTRAJAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak will table a report card on the level of syariah compliance in government policies on March 28.

He said yesterday the report was to gauge if government policies complied with Islamic teachings.

"We cannot draw general conclusions which may be clouded by our experiences. Our conclusion may not be accurate to determine if our policies today are based on syariah.

"I want to know the shortcomings that need to be corrected. If something can be measured, things can be improved. The *maqasid syariah* index gives us this," Najib said at a ceremony to thank 133 researchers for making the index a reality.

Researchers from the International Islamic University Malaysia, Islamic Science University of Malaysia, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and Universiti Utara Malaysia had conducted studies on the syariah index.



Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Najib Razak** taking a picture with researchers at a thanksgiving ceremony in Putrajaya yesterday. With him is Minister in the Prime Minister's Department **Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom** (front row, third from left). Pic by Mohd Fadli Hamzah